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REMARKS

Double patenting

All pending claims, 1-10 and 21-30, have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of US Pat. No. 6,648,528. The patent application that issued as US Pat. No. 6,648,528 is the parent patent application of the current patent application, which is specifically a continuation of the earlier filed patent application. Therefore, to overcome the double patenting rejection, Applicant has filed herewith a terminal disclaimer.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicants' Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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